

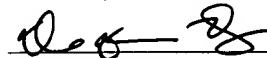


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In re Application of:	:	
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Serial No.: 09/845,694	:	Group Art Unit: 1764
Filed: April 30, 2001	:	Examiner: Not yet assigned
Title: METHOD FOR STARTING UP REACTOR AND REACTOR SYSTEM	:	
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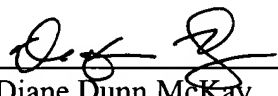
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office the following documents of which Applicant has been made aware. The documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) Applicant submits that each item of reference contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. No item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

It is requested that the references be considered by the Examiner and be made of record as part of the available prior art under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

Respectfully submitted,

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